

## Khmer Air Force Cessna T-41Ds by Dr. Joe F. Leeker

### Number of Cessna T-41Ds assigned to the Khmer Air Force according to Air America's Phnom Penh Station monthly reports November 73 to June 74:

14 (Nov. 73 – Jan. 74) > 18 (Feb. – June 74)

#### Statistics:

- According to Conboy / Bowra, *The war in Cambodia*, p. 20, the Khmer Air Force had 9 T-41s by the end of 1971
- According to Grandolini/Cooper/Troung, *Cambodia*, part 2, the Khmer Air Force lost 4 T-41s in early 1972.
- The T-41s operated out of Battambang (Air America's Phnom Penh Station weekly report for 7-14 January 72, in: UTD/Leary/ I B14F1).
- 2 T-41Ds had been damaged prior to April 73 and were still lying damaged in the heavy maintenance hangar at Pochentong in April 73 (Air America's Phnom Penh Station monthly report for April 73, in: UTD/CIA/B39F1)

#### Individual aircraft histories:

T-41D            "70-02051"    R172-0469                            5 April 71

(real serial as borne unknown)

**Service history:** Cessna to USAF on 3 March 71 (71062); USAF to TL MAP on 5 April 71 (71095); should go to Turkey, but was delivered to the Khmer Air Force instead; the nose section was repaired in October 73 (Air America's Phnom Penh Station monthly report for October 73, in: UTD/CIA/B39F1); also mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.

**Fate:** ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia

T-41D            "70-02052"    R172-0470                            6 April 71

(real serial as borne unknown)

**Service history:** Cessna to USAF on 3 March 71 (71062); USAF to TL MAP on 6 April 71 (71096); had a hard landing; still not repaired in October 73 (Air America's Phnom Penh Station monthly report for October 73, in: UTD/CIA/B39F1); crash damage repairs completed on 16 November 73 (Air America's Phnom Penh Station monthly report for November 73, in: UTD/CIA/B39F1); engine installed on 26 December 73 (Air America's Phnom Penh Station monthly report for December 73, in: UTD/CIA/B39F1); also mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.

**Fate:** ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia

T-41D            "70-02053"    R172-0471                            6 April 71

(real serial as borne unknown)

**Service history:** Cessna to USAF on 3 March 71 (71062); USAF to TL MAP on 6 April 71 (71096); mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.

**Fate:** ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia

T-41D            "70-02054"    R172-0472                            6 April 71

(real serial as borne unknown)





- T-41D           “73-1659”   R172-0547  
                  **(real serial as borne unknown)**  
**Service history:** ?; mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.  
**Fate:** ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D           “73-1660”   R172-0548  
                  **(real serial as borne unknown)**  
**Service history:** ?; mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.  
**Fate:** ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D           “73-1661”   R172-0549  
                  **(real serial as borne unknown)**  
**Service history:** ?; mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.  
**Fate:** ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D           “73-1662”   R172-0550  
                  **(real serial as borne unknown)**  
**Service history:** ?; mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.  
**Fate:** landed at U Tapao in April 1975; to the Royal Thai Air Force as BF14/13/18 (World Air Forces: Cambodia, at <http://www.aeroflight.co.uk/waf/aa-eastasia/cambodia/cam-af1-aircraft.htm> )
- T-41D           “73-1663”   R172-0551  
                  **(real serial as borne unknown)**  
**Service history:** ?; mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.  
**Fate:** ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D           “74-1724”   R172-0604  
                  **(real serial as borne unknown)**  
**Service history:** ?; mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.  
**Fate:** ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia

When Cambodia fell to the Khmer Rouge forces of Pol Pot on 18 April 1975, one T-41D escaped to Thailand (Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187); nothing is known about any T-41Ds captured by the Khmer Rouge (Grandolini/Cooper/Troung, *Cambodia*, part 2).